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FOR EA AMBASSADOR GREEN FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: NASA

1. WILSON HUNTER PROVIDED ANOTHER MOST INTERESTING BRIEFING THIS MORNING REGARDING NASA'S CONTINUING \$18 MILLION ANNUAL BUDGET OPERATIONS IN AUSTRALIA. I WAS AGAIN STRUCK BY THE ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION OF OUR TRACKING STATIONS TO KEY NASA PROGRAMS INCLUDING SOYUZ-APOLLO, SPACE SHUTTLE, MARINER, ERTS AND THE VIKING MARS SHOTS.

2. HOWEVER, HUNTER'S LABOR PROBLEMS ARE REACHING CRISIS LEVELS. WORK STOPPAGES HAVE BECOME SEVERE AND ENDERBY HAS BEEN DOCILE IN FACE OF EXTRAVAGANT UNION DEMANDS. WHEN GOA RESPONSIBILITY FOR NASA PROGRAM IS SOON SHIFTED TO SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FROM MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WE CAN EXPECT MORRISON WILL BE EVEN LESS HELPFUL. LABOR COSTS ARE RISING SO RAPIDLY THAT NASA MUST PROBABLY PLAN PROGRESSIVELY TO REDUCE ITS UTILIZATION OF VALUABLE EQUIPMENT HERE.

3. SUGGEST YOU PAY COURTESY CALL ON NASA ADMINISTRATOR JAMES C.

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FLETCHER TO DISCUSS DIFFICULT POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SCENE IN

AUSTRALIA AND INCIDENTALLY TO PRAISE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY
WILLSON HUNTER AND RECENTLY DAVID SCOTT. YOU MIGHT ALSO
CONSIDER CALLING UPON SENATOR FRANK MOSS, CHAIRMAN AERONAUTICAL
AND SPACE SCIENCE COMMITTEE, WHOM YOU MISSED ON HIS VISIT HERE
LAST JANUARY. HE IS KEEN SUPPORTER OF NASA ACTIVITY AND WAS
IMPRESSED BY HIS VISIT. WE HAD A LUNCHEON FOR HIM AT RESIDENCE
AND HE ALSO HAD LONG IMPROMPTU MEETING WITH LIONEL MURPHY.

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